



SBARA GROUNDPLANE

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SBARA Groundplane - President's Message

Welcome to July...and once again I'll say, "Where did this half year go?" Every year it seems to go by faster and faster. Hmmm...what can we do to slow it down? :) Hope you all had a great 4th of July!

Well, Field Day was a tremendous success on several levels...except propagation. I still need to compile our points. Saturday morning, Steve Wilson (KA6S) and I started "running" on 40 meters and calling CQ at 11am. It was quickly evident that conditions were significantly different from last year. We would normally be working a small pile up, since we are running 500 watts, but the calls were few and far between. We would work for an hour or so and then try and do some searching and pouncing, but most of the stations we heard were duplicates; i.e., we already had them in our log. <sigh> In hind sight, we should have done more digital. I had managed to connect an audio cable between the K3 and the computer, so we could have done some PSK31. Oh well...next year. It would have been good as with Al away, we were a bit short on CW operators. Voice QSOs are worth one point, but BOTH CW and digital QSOs are worth two points!

I know Bernhard was operating digital on 20 meters. [NOTE: The secret word for a free raffle ticket at the next SBARA meeting is "PSK31." Write this word down on a piece of paper and hand it to Larry at the raffle table for a free ticket. Limit one ticket per person.]

I won't repeat the email I sent out to the membership with my specific thanks to all who participated in Field Day, but THANK YOU once again! I was quite happy about all of the elected officials who stopped by. But more importantly...I was impressed with just how engaged they were with what we were doing and the excellent questions they had. Also...Vice Mayor Lily Mei had some excellent suggestions as to how we might engage with the science program in the Fremont School District. Very cool!

Next Month, Saturday and Sunday, August 20th and 21st, is the Hayward Zucchini Festival. This event generates a MAJOR donation to the club!! Although FRS radios are provided, this is a great opportunity to participate in a directed net while supporting the infrastructure of the Festival.

It's great practice for doing emergency communications! **PLEASE** go online and use the simplified form to register for one or more shifts throughout the weekend. You'll find the form [here](#). There will be a drawing for a \$250 HRO gift certificate. Increase your chances to win by signing up for multiple shifts. One ticket is entered for each shift you work. It's a lot of fun. Just be sure to wear a hat and bring sunscreen!!!

73!
Steve
KG6HJU

SBARA Monthly Meeting— July Presentation

The July SBARA Meeting is Friday, July 8th and the guest speaker is:

Chris A. Swartout N6WCP
Emergency Coordinator [San Jose A.R.E.S.](#)
Chief Radio Officer San Jose R.A.C.E.S

The presentation will focus on Amateur Television (ATV) and new High Definition streaming Digital Video Utilizing Wireless Emergency Network (WEN). Chris will demo the old ATV technology, As well as the new digital streaming video technology.

Breathe California 25th Annual "Bike 4 Breath"

Breathe California's 25th annual 'Bike 4 Breath' in Atherton still needs a few more Ham volunteers for Saturday, July 9th. We need radio operators to work at Rest/Water Stops, as well as more radio operators to work as SAGs (both car/truck and motorcycle). Most of the open positions can be worked with an HT. SAGs would need a minimum of an HT with mag-mount antenna. A couple assignments require a mobile with reasonably tall antenna mount. Primary and secondary frequencies are on 2M (simplex for 10-mile route, repeaters for longer routes).

All routes start and end in Atherton. Start/Finish is at Encinal Elementary School, and goes from 06:30 to 14:00 (although many shifts start later and/or finish earlier).

- The 10-mile route runs down to Bayfront Park and back.
- The 30-mile runs up to Canada Rd, then back along Portola & Alpine roads. The 64-mile route runs over to the coast and back.

More info about the event itself can be found at: <http://www.bike4breath.org/>

Please forward this message to anyone who might be interested.

If you have questions, please contact me at: kf6rfq@...

If you would like to volunteer, please sign-up at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Z3DjAxxx7TdPLuJcoBlfBUYcFzrjjAbzyw632JZtyRg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Many Thanks,

Jon Mosby, KF6RFO
650-326-2230



SBARA Membership meeting Friday,
July 8th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Hurricane Electric, 760 Mission Court
(off of Warm Springs Blvd), Fremont

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the pre-
meeting dinner at; Ho Chow Restau-
rant, 47966 Warm Springs Blvd, Fre-
mont. (510) 657-0683

IMPORTANT AMATUER RADIO WEB PAGE LINKS

www.arrl.org

www.qrz.com

www.dailydx.com

www.twit.tv/hn

www.dxspots.com

SBARA Ham Radio License Exam date
is July, 9th Saturday at 9am—Noon.

Testing Location:

Hurricane Electric

48233 Warm Springs Boulevard

Fremont, CA

(Additional parking on the South side of the building)

Nets and other Club Information

The Slow CW Net

Every Thursday (on 144.230 MHz) and Sunday (on 7.057 MHz +/- 3 KHz) night at 7:30 pm.

You need an "all-mode" transceiver in order to participate in this net.. The net now has its own email address. Please contact us here: : "SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at googlegroups.com>

—... — Bernhard AE6YN

Monday SBARA Net

The SBARA net takes place every Monday night at 7:30 pm on the WA6PW/W repeater, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, PL (if enabled) 103.5 Hz.

Topics are club related things, projects you're working on and so on. It's a chat net. We need net control operators. If you'd like to be net control, let us know during the next net.

—... — Bernhard AE6YN